

Liberty Middle School

125 Falcon Lane
Liberty, SC 29657



South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

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|------------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------|
| Grades: | 6-8 Middle | Principal: | Tim Mullis |
| Enrollment: | 500 students | Superintendent: | Dr. Daniel B. Merck |
| School Phone: | 864-397-3400 | Board Chair: | Dr. Brian Swords |
| School Website: | http://www.pickens.k12.sc.us/lms | | |



Profile of the SC Graduate

World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences*

World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

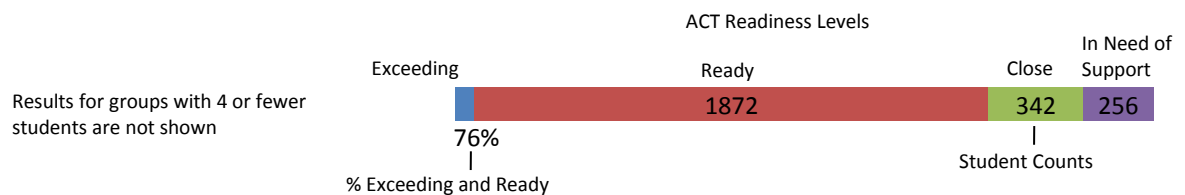
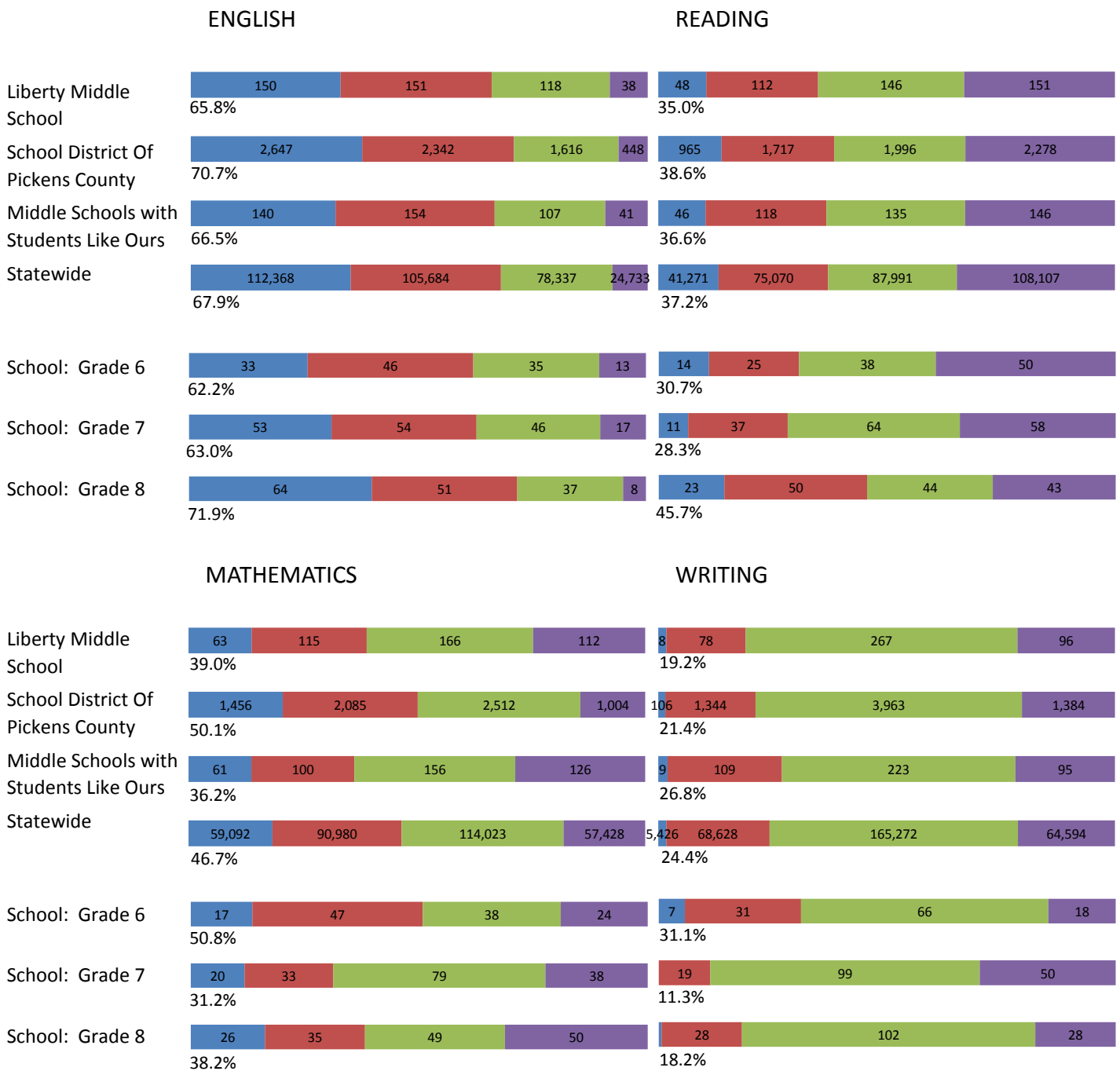
Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...

The 2014-2015 school year was an exciting year for Liberty Middle School. Our school report card has shown average to excellent growth ratings in student achievement over the last three years. The absolute rating for overall student performance has shown average to good ratings during the same period. With room for growth in basic educational areas, Liberty Middle School received a grade of 77.9 (C). Students at Liberty Middle School who took Algebra I and/or English I End-Of-Course exams had a passing rate of 100%. Over 75% of our 7th and 8th graders were enrolled in high school credit courses this year. Next year, there will be more opportunities offered to students through virtual learning. This year, we were able to add a STEM program to our curriculum. The STEM program provides opportunities that allow students to explore 21st century technology-assisted engineering. Over 87% of parent surveys indicated satisfaction with the social and physical school improvement. Over 81% of surveys indicated satisfaction with the learning environment. Student attendance rates increased this year to 95%. Liberty Middle School also had a successful year with extra-curricular activities. Many students participated in the high school marching band and/or the All-County Band. Our athletic teams were successful this year with the girls and boys basketball, football, and volleyball all finishing with winning seasons. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to the 2015-2016 school year. Tim Mullis- Principal Lisa Hackney- SCI Chair

* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

KNOWLEDGE

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing



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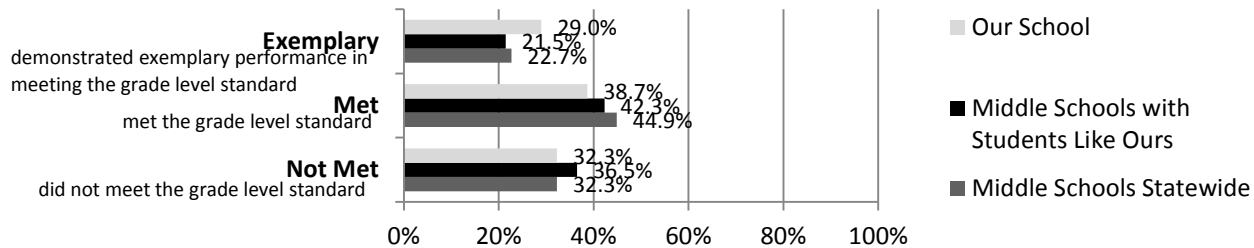
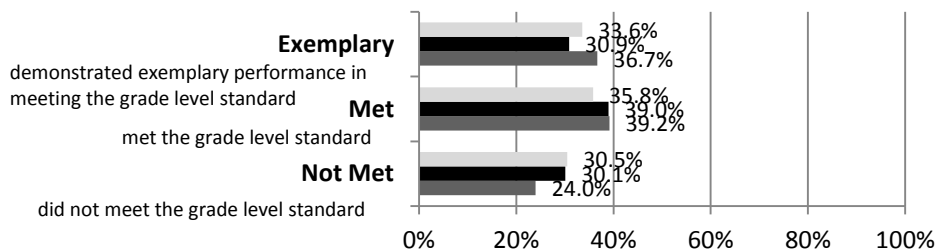
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

Science**Social Studies****Science SCPASS**

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

| 6th grade | 7th grade | 8th grade |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 67.5 | 63.5 | 72.3 |

Social Studies SCPASS

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

| 6th grade | 7th grade | 8th grade |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 77.8 | 61.2 | 71.7 |

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary

"Exemplary": student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.

Met

"Met": student met the grade level standard.

Not Met

"Not Met": student did not meet the grade level standard.

End of Course Tests

| Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on: | Our School | Middle Schools with Students Like Ours |
|---|------------|--|
| Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2 | 100.0 | 96.2 |
| English 1 | 97.7 | 93.4 |
| Biology 1 | N/A | 57.8 |
| US History and the Constitution | N/A | 51.7 |
| All Subjects | 98.9 | 95.0 |

Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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OPPORTUNITIES

| | Our School | Change from Last Year | Middle Schools with students like ours |
|---|------------|-----------------------|--|
| Students (n = 500) | | | |
| Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index) | 75.4 | Down from 76.4% | N/A |
| Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses | 53.1 | Down from 75.5% | 25.8 |
| Attendance Rate | 94.6 | Down from 95.0% | 95.2 |
| With disabilities | 12.4 | Up from 11.1% | 13.5 |
| Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses | 3.4 | Up from 1.0% | 1.0 |
| Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs | 20.6 | Down from 20.9% | 19.1 |
| Percentage of students retained | 0.4 | Down from 1.2% | 0.7 |
| Annual dropout rate | 0.0 | No change | 0.0 |
| Teachers (n = 35) | | | |
| Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees | 71.4 | Up from 70.3% | 57.8 |
| Percentage of teachers on continuing contract | 85.7 | Up from 83.8% | 78.2 |
| Teachers returning from previous year | 89.1 | Up from 84.8% | 86.4 |
| Teacher attendance rate | 93.8 | Down from 95.2% | 94.7 |
| Average teacher salary* | \$48,770 | Up 2.2% | \$46,591 |
| Professional development days / teacher | 12.3 days | Up from 8.9 days | 10.4 days |
| Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks | 0.0 | N/A | 0.4 |
| School | | | |
| Principal's years at school | 1.0 | Down from 9.0 | 4.0 |
| Student-teacher ratio in core subjects | 23.7 to 1 | N/A | 21.1 to 1 |
| Prime instructional time | 86.6 | Down from 88.5% | 88.7 |
| Opportunities in the arts | Good | No change | Good |
| Opportunities in foreign languages | Poor | N/A | Poor |
| AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation | Yes | No change | Yes |
| Parents attending conferences | 33.7 | Down from 100.0% | 99.6 |
| Character development program | Fair | Down from Good | Good |
| Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library | 17.0 | N/A | 15.0 |
| Number of resources available per student in the school library media center | 17.7 | N/A | 24.9 |
| Bandwidth capacity per student | N/A | N/C | N/A |
| Percent of classrooms with wireless access | N/A | N/C | N/A |
| District-issued learning devices per student | N/A | N/C | 0.9 |
| District-issued technology devices per teacher | N/A | N/C | 2.0 |
| Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers | 3.4 | Up from 3.1% | 4.9 |
| Dollars spent per pupil** | \$7,577 | Down 20.6% | \$7,639 |
| Percent of expenditures for instruction** | 63.7 | Up from 63.5% | 61.4 |
| Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries** | 65.5 | Up from 63.8% | 62.3 |

* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

** Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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OPPORTUNITIES**Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

| | Teachers | Students* | Parents* |
|--|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Number of surveys returned | 28 | 143 | 37 |
| Percent satisfied with learning environment | 78.6 | 69.3 | 78.3 |
| Percent satisfied with social and physical environment | 75.0 | 71.5 | 70.2 |
| Percent satisfied with school-home relations | 71.4 | 82.5 | 67.5 |

* Only students at the highest middle school grade and their parents were included.

State Ratings History of School

| Year | Absolute Rating | Growth Rating |
|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 2014 | Average | Average |
| 2013 | Good | Average |
| 2012 | Average | Excellent |

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

Additional Resources

SC State Content Standards
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)
[Report Card Data Files](#)
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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